Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. **(previously presented):** A process for making a synthetic melt spun polyamide filament comprising the steps of:
supplying polyamide polymer with an RV of 36 to 38 to a solid phase polycondensation apparatus;
humidifying a purge gas with water vapor;
supplying said purge gas to the solid phase polycondensation apparatus at a flow rate in the range of about 2 to about 3 kg/hour per kg of polymer per hour;
treating the polyamide polymer in the solid phase polycondensation apparatus with the purge gas at a solid phase polycondensation system pressure of about 110 to about 120 kPascal;
conveying the treated polyamide polymer to a melt extrusion apparatus;
melting the polyamide polymer in the melt extrusion apparatus;
extruding the melted polyamide polymer through a spinneret plate; and
forming at least one continuous filament of polyamide polymer with a yarn RV of about 51 to about 54.

2. **(original):** The process of claim 1, further including quenching and cooling the filament.

3. **(original):** The process of claim 2, further including post-treating the filament and winding up the filament.

4. **(original):** The process of claim 3, further including wiping the spinneret plate on the capillary exit side, in cycles, wherein each wiping cycle is separated by about 8 to about 12 hours.

5. **(original):** The process of claim 1 wherein the purge gas is comprised of nitrogen gas supplied at a flow rate in the range of about 2 to about 3 kg/hour per kg of polymer per hour.

6. **(withdrawn):** A delustered synthetic melt spun polyamide filament having a YARN QUALITY greater than about 32.8, wherein YARN QUALITY is defined according to,

YARN QUALITY = [tenacity (grams/denier)] x (% elongation)$^{1/2}$;

said yarn prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

providing a synthetic polyamide polymer to a solid phase polycondensation apparatus,

treating the synthetic polyamide polymer in the solid phase polycondensation apparatus t a system pressure in the range of about 110 to about 120 kPascal;

conveying the treated polyamide polymer to a melt extrusion apparatus;

melting the polyamide polymer in the melt extrusion apparatus;

extruding the melted polyamide polymer through a spinneret plate;

and

forming at least one continuous filament of polyamide polymer.

7. **(new):** A process for making a synthetic melt spun polyamide filament comprising the steps of:

supplying polyamide polymer with an RV of 36 to 38 to a solid phase polycondensation apparatus;

treating a nitrogen comprising purge gas with water vapor,

supplying said purge gas to the solid phase polycondensation apparatus at a flow rate in the range of about 2 to about 3 kg/hour per kg of polymer per hour;

treating the polyamide polymer in the solid phase polycondensation apparatus with the purge gas at a solid phase polycondensation system pressure of about 110 to about 120 kPascal;

conveying the treated polyamide polymer to a melt extrusion apparatus;

melting the polyamide polymer in the melt extrusion apparatus;

extruding the melted polyamide polymer through a spinneret plate; and

forming at least one continuous filament of polyamide polymer with a yarn RV of about 51 to about 54.